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Young Burn Survivors Celebrate the Season at the Children's Burn Foundation Holiday Spectacular

**More than 300 people will join the Foundation's annual gathering at the Sherman Oaks
Hospital parking lot, Sat., Dec. 6, 11:30 am to 2:00 pm**

What: The Council of the Children's Burn Foundation, along with nurses from the Grossman Burn Center at Sherman Oaks Hospital, will host its annual Children's Holiday Party for young burn survivors who were hospitalized during the previous two years. The festivities will include a vibrant "under the big tent" atmosphere complete with game booths, a holiday feast, music and a visit with Santa. Presents will be provided for every child, some of whom might not otherwise receive gifts. Among the participants will be more than 300 kids and teen burn survivors, as well as children from other countries who now receive treatment through the Foundation's support.

Who:

- **Youssif**, a six-year-old Iraqi boy who was doused with gasoline by two masked men and set on fire. The Foundation brought him to L.A. for treatment in 2007.
- **Dami**, a five-year-old Nigerian boy who was burned in a home kerosene accident.
- **Dwight**, nine-year-old who sustained 3rd degree burns in a fireworks accident in the Philippines
- **Teen Burn Survivors**
- **Joe Kovacic**, L.A. City Fireman at Station 88, will appear for the fourth year as **Santa Claus**
- **Fire Engine**, Pasadena Fire Department
- **Dana Kitaj & Ellie Salamat**, The Council Holiday Party Co-Chairs
- **Kathy Toppino**, president of The Council
- **Doug Mancino**, chairman of the board of trustees of the Children's Burn Foundation
- **Children's Burn Foundation directors:** Barbara Friedman, executive director, and Marilyn De Leo, director of development

When: **Sat., Dec. 6, 2008: 11:30 am – 2:00 pm**

Where: Sherman Oaks Hospital parking lot, 4929 Van Nuys Blvd. near Addison, Sherman Oaks, CA

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Details: The Children's Burn Foundation is a Sherman Oaks-based nonprofit organization that provides the expertise and programs to prevent pediatric burns and heal severely burned children. Founded in 1985, the Foundation's programs include its Full Recovery Program for youngsters, an International Outreach Program to help developing countries expand their burn treatment and rehabilitation capabilities, a Fire Safety House that helps train children how to escape home fires, in-school education programs for both students and teachers, and the successful Careful, That's Hot! program to bring burn prevention messages to caregivers of very young children. The Council is a dynamic volunteer group of 74 dedicated women who work to support the Foundation's fundraising and community outreach initiatives, which have benefited thousands of children.

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